

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 18 with the following amended paragraph.

FIG. 3 is a front elevation plan view of the lighting apparatus of FIG. 1 with LEDs and reflector shown in phantom demonstrating dispersion of light along the lighting apparatus.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 33 with the following amended paragraph.

With reference to FIG. 2, the elongated envelope includes a translucent and/or transparent portion 22 and two opaque legs 24 and 26 that are interconnected by the translucent portion. The envelope can have a substantially sideways U-shaped or V-shaped configuration in cross-section. Preferably, the envelope will be made of an extruded plastic material. Furthermore, the translucent portion 22 will typically be colored to match the color of light emitted from the LED and the opaque legs will match the color of the translucent portion. A connecting leg 28 extends outwardly from an end of the opaque leg 24 opposite the translucent portion 22. The connecting leg 28 and the opaque leg 24 define a receiving channel 32. Similarly, the opaque leg 26 includes a connecting leg 34 extending outwardly from the end opposite the translucent portion. The connecting leg 34 and the opaque leg 26 define a receiving channel 36. The channels 32 and 36 are adapted to receive a portion of the channel support 18; the connection will be described in greater detail below.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 27 with the following amended paragraph.

The second leg 42 includes a projection 58 at an end nearest the translucent portion 22. The projection 58 protrudes substantially perpendicular to the second leg 42 towards the first leg 38. The projection 58, the second leg 42, the interconnecting wall leg 44 and the extension 48 define a channel 62 that receives the LED 14 and its power components.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 27 with the following amended paragraph.

The reflector 16 will now be described in more particularity using the terms horizontal and vertical axis. The horizontal axis runs along the length of the lighting apparatus 10 and the vertical axis is parallel to the interconnecting leg 44 of the channel support 18. These terms are used only to facilitate the description of the reflector as it appears in the figures, and are not meant to limit the invention to such a configuration. The LED faces the reflector and faces perpendicular to the direction that the translucent portion 22 runs (i.e., the length of the envelope) so the light emitted from the LED strikes the reflector before striking the translucent cover, which lessens the likelihood that dark spots are apparent to a viewer at a distance from the lighting apparatus.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 3 with the following amended paragraph.

In FIG. 2, the reflector 16 is shaped such that it focuses light along the vertical axis of the lighting apparatus and spreads light in the horizontal axis. In the side cross section of FIG. 2, the reflector 16 is arcuate in shape. As seen in FIG. 2, the arcuate shape focuses the light emitted from the LED 14 towards the translucent portion 22. The reflector is not curved in the horizontal axis, and appears planar when viewed from a front elevation view (~~FIG. 3~~). Because the reflector is not curved in the horizontal plane, the reflector does not focus the light in the horizontal direction. As seen in FIG. 3, the reflector 16 disperses the light along the length of the lighting apparatus 10. Accordingly, dark spots are not visible along the length of the lighting apparatus, yet the LEDs can be spaced from one another such that energy efficiencies can be achieved.